PROCLAMATION

INDIANA ATHLETIC TRAINERS MONTH March, 2008

WHEREAS, quality health care is vital for individuals of all ages involved in physical activity; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers in the State of Indiana are licensed by the Professional Licensing Agency; and

WHEREAS, Indiana licensed athletic trainers have a long history of providing quality health care for those engaged in physical activity based on specific tasks, knowledge, and skills acquired through nationally accredited educational processes; and

WHEREAS, Indiana licensed athletic trainers provide prevention of injury and illness; recognition, evaluation, and immediate care; rehabilitation; health care administration; and education and guidance; and

WHEREAS, of more than 31,000 certified athletic trainers, nearly 800 are licensed in Indiana and are employed in multiple settings including: professional sports, colleges and universities, high schools, middle schools, performing arts, and clinical, industrial, corporate, research, and fitness settings; and

WHEREAS, leading organizations concerned with health care have joined together to raise public awareness of the athletic training profession and to emphasize the importance of quality health care for those engaged in physical activity; and

WHEREAS, such an effort will improve the health care for Hoosiers and promote licensed athletic trainers as allied health professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Andrew Cook, Mayor of the City of Westfield, do hereby proclaim March, 2008, as

INDIANA ATHLETIC TRAINERS MONTH in the City of Westfield, and I urge all citizens to learn of the importance of athletic training and the role athletic trainers play in improving the health and wellness of Hoosiers statewide.

J. Andrew Cook Mayor, City of Westfield